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In the matter of Disciplinary Action involving:	BoEE Case No. 05-24) (DIA No. 06BEE016)) STIPULATION) and) ORDER
LOGAN PEITSCHER, (Folder # 346165)	
Respondent.	

In accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code sections 17A.12(5) and 272.2(4) (2005) and 282 IAC 11.4(6), and with full knowledge of his right to demand a formal hearing before the Board upon the pending complaint prior to the imposition of a sanction upon his license, the Respondent expressly waives the right to a disciplinary hearing and notifies the Board of his desire to resolve the pending complaint through means of informal disposition.

The Respondent acknowledges that the Board has jurisdiction over this matter and voluntarily consents to the State's counsel presenting this agreement to the Board with the terms provided. If the Board does not accept the terms of this agreement, the stipulations contained herein are not binding upon the Respondent and will not be presented against him at the time of hearing without further agreement of the Respondent. Board approval of this settlement shall constitute resolution of this matter and will be entered as a FINAL ORDER of the Board.

STIPULATIONS

- 1. The Respondent was issued an initial teaching license by the Board on June 30, 2003, with endorsements to teach physical education at grade levels K-6 and 7-12 and to serve as an athletic coach. This initial license expired on June 30, 2005. The license has not been renewed.
- 2. On July 8, 2005, a Complaint was filed with the Board by James R. Spelhaug, Superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Community School District, alleging that the Respondent violated the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics. This is the first Complaint the Board has received involving the Respondent.
- 3. The Complaint was investigated and, on February 2, 2006, the Board found probable cause to determine that the Respondent had violated Board rules 25.3(1)(c) and 25.3(1)(e) and this matter was scheduled for hearing.
- 4. Prior to hearing, counsel for the Respondent and the State arrived at the following stipulations of fact:
 - a. The Respondent was employed by the Pleasant Valley Community School District during the 2003-2004 and 2004-05 school years.

- b. In April and May of 2005, administrators of the district conducted an investigation into an allegation that the Respondent was going out with an identified female student attending the Pleasant Valley High School. During the course of the local investigation, the Respondent admitted that he was involved in a personal romantic relationship with an 18-year-old female student which began in October of 2004. The student was not enrolled in any classes taught by the Respondent during the 2004-05 school year. The Respondent admitted that he dated the student and engaged in physical contact with the student, including kissing and fondling, and she spent the night at his residence more than once. The Respondent affirmatively denied that he had sexual intercourse or oral sex with the student.
- c. The Respondent cooperated with the local investigation and agreed to resign from his employment with the district in May of 2005.
- d. The allegations were referred to the Scott County Attorney, who declined to pursue criminal charges against the Respondent.
- 5. By resigning from his employment and not seeking reinstatement of his license, the Respondent has acknowledged an error in his judgment.
- 6. The Respondent is willing to accept a suspension of his teaching license for a period of five years, with the understanding that before his license may be reinstated he must attend and successfully complete a Board-approved course addressing professional boundary issues and agree to full background check at the time he applies for reinstatement of the license.

LICENSEE DECLARATION

I understand that this settlement agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and will have no force or effect if it is not accepted by the Board. If the agreement is accepted by the Board, I agree to comply with the requirements set forth in the stipulations and understand that my failure to do so may result in further suspension of my teaching license.

I understand that the Notice of Hearing and Stipulation and Order are public records which will become part of my permanent licensure file and will be available for public inspection and reproduction. All other information in the Complaint and investigative file will remain confidential.

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of full (Notary Public State of Iowa Notary seal:

Carmelita McGinnis-Lard
Commission Number 738720
My Commission Expires

ORDER

IT IS THE FINAL ORDER OF THE IOWA BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS:

- 1. That the teaching license of Logan Peitscher, folder number 346165, shall be suspended for a period of not less than five-years from the date of this Order.
- 2. That in order to be eligible for reinstatement of his license the Respondent must attend and successfully complete 30 contact hours of training or education addressing the code of professional conduct and ethics, including professional boundary issues. The coursework must be approved by the Board and completed prior to reinstatement. This coursework shall be obtained at the Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to any other continuing education required to reinstate or renew his teaching credentials.
- 3. That the Respondent may make application for reinstatement of his teaching license, pursuant to the terms of 282 I.A.C. 11.34, no sooner than five years following the date of issuance of this Order. The Respondent's application shall include a documentation that he successfully completed the education required by paragraph 2 and include a waiver authorizing an Iowa criminal history background check, a fingerprint card, and any other documentation required at the time of the application to authorize completion of a full background check prior to reinstatement of the Respondent's license.

Dated this 27 day of June , 2006.

George J. Mauref/E

Executive Director

Iowa Board of Educational Examiners

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